

ADOPTION EVENTS

ADOPTATHON 2001



Despite competing with a Seattle Mariners baseball game and a gorgeous 80-degree summer day, the Seattle Animal Shelter's 2001 Adoptathon was a huge success!

Thanks to our generous sponsor, High Hopes Premium Pet Food and Supplies, and support from the King County Humane Society, PAWS and King County Animal Control, hard-working shelter staff and volunteers at this year's Adoptathon placed more than

60 animals in the Greater Puget Sound area.

After a marathon Friday night grooming session, extra teams of dog walkers and runners came back the next morning to take all of the shelter dogs outside for exercise. By the time the event started, the dogs-in clean cages-patiently waited with their Matchmaker partners to meet shelter visitors and their new owners. By the end of the day, forty-four cats, eighteen dogs and one guinea pig had found loving, permanent homes!

Many of the cats adopted had been brought back into the shelter from foster care. The SAS Foster Care volunteers, working directly with potential new owners, made a world of difference. New at this year's Adoptathon were a rummage and bake sale that brought in more than \$800 for the **Help the Animals Fund**.

'FABULOUS FELINE' ADOPTIONS ARE A HUGE SUCCESS

In an effort to make adoption of our shelter cats more accessible to neighborhood residents, the Seattle Animal Shelter is bringing the cats to the people. Since October of 2000, we have hosted three off-site "Fabulous Feline Adoption Events"-two at the Magnolia Community Center and one at the Loyal Heights Community Center.

106 happy "foster" cats found new homes. These events are special because they give our foster care parents an opportunity to show off their "children" without having to bring them into the shelter, where they may be exposed to illnesses. It also gives potential adopters an opportunity to meet a variety of available cats. Because this program has been so successful, we plan to hold several more in 2002.



THE LATEST SCOOP: DOGIPOT RECEPTACLES

by Robin Klunder, Pet Licensing Supervisor

Citizens and park maintenance crews have long complained about unsightly dog waste in our beautiful city parks. Thanks to a small group of motivated City of Seattle employees, many of our parks now come equipped with dog waste receptacles. As part of an intensive supervisory training course, six employees were assigned the task of developing a program that would benefit Seattle residents and, at the same time, help the team learn problem-solving skills.

The team researched and developed a project to equip a city park with DOGIPOT receptacles. These devices give pet owners easy access to a pet waste disposal place while visiting parks with their animals. The project was such a huge success that the group's instructors encouraged them to present their project to the Seattle City Council. The goal was to garner support for expanding the project to other city parks. It worked: the installation of pet litterbag dispensers at other locations is underway.

The forest green DOGIPOT dispensers have a 400-bag capacity and are designed to withstand severe weather conditions. The litterbags are opaque brown and biodegradable. And the cost is a mere \$0.026/bag. DOGIPOTS are ideal for public parks because they reinforce the message to owners about cleaning up after their dogs. The highly visible dispensers also serve as a reminder for people to be environmentally conscious, even with their pets.



CATS AND DOGS AND MORE

by Gordon Leighton, Seattle Animal Control Commissioner

When you think of the Animal Shelter, you may have visions of puppies, kittens, and friendly older dogs and cats. Think again! Recently our shelter has been home to a beautiful red rat snake, several guinea pigs, assorted rats and mice, hamsters, gerbils, a white rooster, four turkeys, a five-foot iguana, a ferret, and many rabbits. We even get an occasional exotic bird.

If you are planning on getting a small animal-a hamster, for example-we may be the best bargain in town! A small animal, often complete with cage, can be adopted for just \$5. The cage alone would cost far more than that! So keep us in mind when you decide to get a smaller pet. We'll give you a deal and a chance to provide a loving permanent home for some of our city's other homeless critters!

PROTECTION FOR YOUR PET

by Robin Klunder, Pet Licensing Supervisor

It's the best protection against pet loss that money can buy. Now it's even easier to get. Your pet license applications are now available in several city parks! Over the last few months, application boxes have been placed in parks identified as high dog traffic areas, as well as in all off-leash area parks. In most cases, the boxes are installed on park kiosks. At some locations, they are mounted on a post or fencing. You'll even find a free microchip coupon attached to the bright pink applications!

For more information and the location of the pet license application boxes, call 206.386.4262.

2ND ANNUAL FURRY 5K THE SHELTER ANIMALS ARE THE REAL WINNERS!

2ND ANNUAL FURRY 5K RAISES \$50,000 FOR NEEDY ANIMALS!

By Alan Ward

It was a "warm fuzzy" event-for both the furry and the furless. The Seattle Animal Shelter held its **2nd annual Furry 5K Fun Run and Walk** at Seward Park on June 10, 2001. The 5 kilometer (3.1 mile) spectacle drew 2,370 people participants, 800 dogs, 1 courageous cat, and a fearless ferret who obeyed the city's leash law. Even Ichiro was there! Okay, so it was a dog named Ichiro. I wonder: could the minor earthquake reported that morning have been the result of all those pounding paws?

Despite the cool weather and intermittent sprinkles, everyone enjoyed the day. The mobile Starbucks coffee purveyors were great mood elevators. But the animals were the real winners. \$50,000 was raised for the **Help the Animals Fund**, which provides veterinary care for the shelter's sick and injured animals. More than 100 volunteers worked a total of 2,800 hours for the F5K. The Mayor and City Council recognized several of the event organizers at a special ceremony at City Hall on July 16, 2001. City Councilwomen Jan Drago and Margaret Pageler, who attended the Furry 5K, were quite impressed with the number of animal lovers who turned out to support the shelter.

It was heartwarming to me, as one of the original founders of the race, to see so many people show their compassion for Seattle's needy animals through their support of the shelter. Many thanks to the generous F5K sponsors, the vendors with their attractive race day booths, the participants who braved the weather, and, of course, the dogs that gave the affair a 4-paws-up. Read more about this year's race on our web site at www.furry5k.com.

Planning for next year's event is already underway. Save this date: Sunday, June 9, 10 a.m. at Seward Park. If you'd like to be a sponsor, or know someone who would, please contact Alan Ward at award42@home.com. A video of the **Help the Animals Fund** was produced this summer by a gracious volunteer and is now available to show potential sponsors.

We encourage you to visit the shelter located at 2061 15th Avenue West, 1 mile south of the Ballard Bridge. There are many animals there that will be happy to see you. They'll thank you with eyes, paws, warm tongues and wagging tails!



Participants line up at the starting line for the 2nd Annual Furry 5K Race.

The Seattle Animal Shelter gratefully acknowledges the following sponsors for their generous support of the Furry 5K event. Without them, the success of this fundraiser would not have been possible:

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RACE RESULTS

OVERALL MALES

Chris Charles, Seattle 15:20
Steve Andersen, Portland 15:41
John Berta, Seattle 16:16

FIRST MALE MASTER

Roger Neale, Seattle, 26:04

OVERALL FEMALES

Sheri Goodwin, Mountlake Terrace 19:32
Lynde Johnson, Seattle 19:34
Lila Silverstein, Seattle 19:45

FIRST FEMALE MASTER

Gene Guthrie, Seattle 32:22